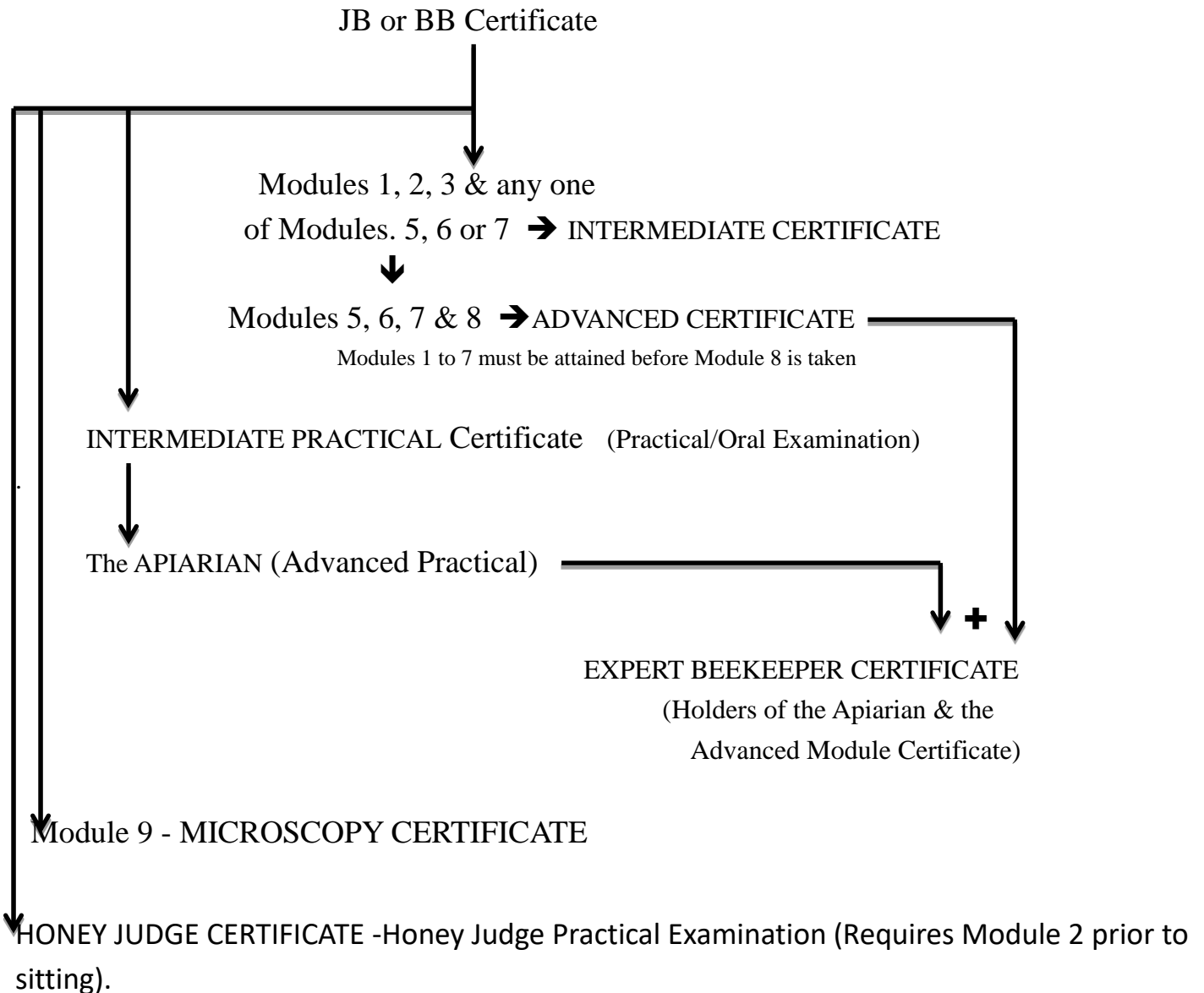




THE SCOTTISH BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
THE INTERMEDIATE MODULE, ADVANCED MODULE AND EXPERT BEEKEEPER CERTIFICATES
PROSPECTUS

The SBA Examination System

Entry Point – Basic Beekeeping (BB) and Junior Beekeeper (JB) Assessment (Practical/Oral “over the hive” assessments, awarded at Pass(60%), Credit(70%) and Distinction (80%) level. Obtaining the BB or JB Certificates allows candidates to progress to the rest of the SBA education system.



AIMS

1. To improve the standard of beekeeping in Scotland.
2. To give beekeepers who have obtained the SCOTTISH BASIC BEEKEEPING or the JUNIOR BEEKEEPER CERTIFICATE, the opportunity to further their knowledge of the craft of apiculture by obtaining the SCOTTISH INTERMEDIATE and ADVANCED MODULE CERTIFICATES, the INTERMEDIATE PRACTICAL, the APIARIAN and the EXPERT BEEKEEPER CERTIFICATES.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY for MODULE EXAMINATIONS

1. The candidate shall have gained the SCOTTISH BASIC BEEKEEPING EXAMINATION or the JUNIOR BEEKEEPER CERTIFICATES or an equivalent qualification approved by the SBA Education Committee. The date when this examination was passed shall be entered on the application form.
2. The candidate shall have owned and managed bees for at least two seasons.
3. The appropriate application and fees form (see website links for fees and application form), shall have been received by the Education Convener or designated administrator prior to the deadline published in "The Scottish Beekeeper"

AWARD OF CERTIFICATES

1. A certificate shall be awarded for each module passed.
2. Awards for all modules will be:

Pass	60%
Credit	70%
Distinction	80%
3. The SCOTTISH INTERMEDIATE MODULE CERTIFICATE will be awarded when Modules 1, 2, 3, and any one of 5, 6, or 7 have been passed.
4. The SCOTTISH ADVANCED MODULE CERTIFICATE will be awarded when Modules 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 have been passed.
5. The SCOTTISH EXPERT BEEMASTER CERTIFICATE will be awarded automatically to a candidate who has obtained the SCOTTISH ADVANCED MODULE CERTIFICATE and the SCOTTISH APIARIAN CERTIFICATE.
6. In order to qualify for the SCOTTISH ADVANCED CERTIFICATE, the necessary modules must be passed in a time of not more than eight years.
7. HONEY JUDGE - Candidates who have attained the SCOTTISH BEEKEEPING CERTIFICATE, and MODULE 2, will be eligible to apply for the SCOTTISH HONEY JUDGE PRACTICAL EXAMINATION
8. Parts of these modules will comprise the syllabus for the ORAL EXAMINATION for the SCOTTISH APIARIAN CERTIFICATE.
9. Candidates who have attained the SCOTTISH ADVANCED CERTIFICATE will be exempt from the ORAL EXAMINATION for the SCOTTISH APIARIAN CERTIFICATE.

SYLLABUSES FOR THE MODULES

Please see the links in the SBA website for the Module syllabuses, fees and application form.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The modules in this prospectus have been written by members of the BBKA Examination Board

SBA and BBKA recognise that there is a need to harmonise their examination syllabuses and assessment standards.

With this in mind, BBKA has agreed that the SBA should use the same modular content, while preserving its autonomy in examination structure, marking and issue of awards.

The Scottish Expert Beemaster Certificate is recognised by the National Diploma in Beekeeping Examination Board as a qualification for entry to the NDB examination.

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